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ALDOSE REDUCTASE INHIBITOR

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**VOLUNTARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the final Office Action mailed on May 12, 2009. This Voluntary Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Office Action set forth a three-month period for response and a petition for a one-month extension of time is attached hereto, making this Amendment and the RCE filed herewith due on or before September 12, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** appear in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.